



The Chimes

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I have spoken with several people from the church about strange emails that they have received with my name signed to them; most of these emails are rather curt and have a formal, impersonal tone to them. Most have a request for money, gift cards, or ask for a favor because I am busy.

Please disregard these emails. Do not reply or otherwise engage them. These messages are not from me, but a hacker who is creating fake email addresses and using my name. All church communication will come from the church's account. If you have any question about whether or not the email is legitimate, please delete it and contact the church. Do **NOT** buy any items or give your credit card or bank information to anyone claiming to be me or from the church!

~Pastor Andrew



Please join us for worship on Modesto Church of the Brethren's Facebook page at 11 AM each Sunday.

Johnathan G. asks for prayers for his mother, Nancy G., who is hospitalized for heart failure.

Linda O. asks for prayers for Dave's brother Larry, who had what appears to be a stroke.

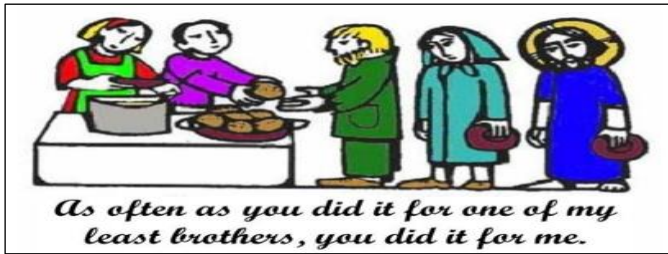
Linda H. asks for prayers for a Zoom Council meeting with open ears, open minds and open hearts.

Allison asks for continued prayers for her friend Candice, with health concerns and Brandi, in hospice. She asks for prayers for former work family/friends as COVID-19 is rearing its ugly head again. Please pray for those who care for the sick.

Kelly G. is happy that the school where she works has decided to delay in-person learning until at least January.

Jeanine E. wrote: "Many people from the Modesto Church of the Brethren were very gracious and sent sympathy cards following the death of my husband, Chuck La Rosa, on Oct. 23, 2020. I wish to express my thanks for the prayers and kind words expressed to me."

Ken C. is home from the hospital and recuperating from COVID.



Serving at the 9th and D Shelter

These are dates for preparing food for the 9th and D Shelter. Note that the first date is this week, Tuesday: November 17

Fridays:	Persons who wish to help
December 18	by shopping for food,
January 15	or transporting meals
February 19	should contact Pastor
March 19	Andrew.
April 16	
May 14	

We prepare the meal at the church and then deliver it. One does not need to leave their car but can simply open the trunk, hatch, etc. and the crew at the shelter will unload and then serve the meal.

LABYRINTH NEWSFLASH



Did you know that you can locate labyrinth sites around the world by going onto one simple website? If you're interested, check out the 'Worldwide Labyrinth Locator' and insert Modesto Church of the Brethren. There you will find this photo & specific information all about our very own labyrinth. Yesterday, our labyrinth was added to this fascinating website. Maybe "if you build it (and publicize it) they will come."
~The Worship & Spiritual Life Commission

November Council Meeting

The Zoom Council meeting was held on Sunday, November 15. Detailed minutes will be available in next week's Chimes. Briefly, a motion to delay approving the revised MCoB constitution until it is possible for the congregation to meet in person and discuss the changes in more detail was approved. The budget was approved with a change to the Witness budget to maintain last year's level of support to Bethany Seminary. The slate of 2021 commission personnel was approved, as were the 2021 Deacons.

Welcome Statement



Believing that God's unbounded love and grace, as taught by Jesus, are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, we embrace persons of every age, race, sexual orientation, ethnic and religious background, physical and mental ability, and economic means as vital and integral members of God's family. As an Open and Affirming congregation we welcome everyone to participate in the life and worship of our church.

